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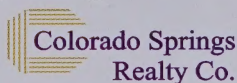
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Across our state we are in the midst of a referendum battle to move toward full achievement of our human rights. We are proud to be able to offer this Film Festival as an annual community event that gives Colorado Springs an image of diversity and brings us together to lift our spirits and energize us to work for our complete acceptance.

We thank our returning sponsors, we welcome our new sponsors, and look forward to a continuing relationship with each of you in the future. Only with you can we bring this unique cultural event to the LGBT community and our many friends.

We are fortunate this year to open our festival with the newly formed Out Loud: The Colorado Springs Men's Chorus, a marvelous lead-in to the documentary, *Why We Sing!* about LGBT choruses worldwide. We welcome Eric Jansen, the film's co-producer and writer, to our opening celebration. Also, this is a year for comedies in the LGBT film world. We pondered why there are so many. In troubled times we sure need comic relief and PPLFF is excited to include a fabulous line-up of poignant and hilarious films.

The volunteer producers offer the Festival as a gift to the LGBT community and our friends. We have a wonderful program of live music and films that will keep you laughing, partying, and talking all weekend. We hope you'll take advantage of the whole Film Festival experience that gives you the opportunity to escape the woes of the world without leaving town. Perhaps upon returning to the real world you'll be inspired to get involved in the changes that are within our grasp this November.

We always need more volunteers, so please consider becoming a Festival producer. Come by the lounge between films. The producers will be there to hear your thoughts about how to make the Festival even bigger and better. Or, fill in your evaluation form and indicate your desire to join us. We thank you for being here and hope you find the festival an enjoyable and inspiring escape.

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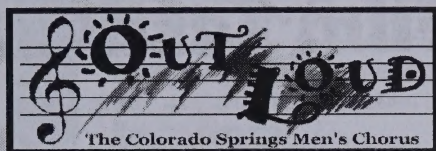
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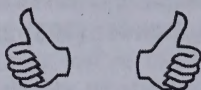
Why We Sing! directed by Lawrence Dillon 2006 USA 56 min



Through stories and song, **WHY WE SING!** looks at the transformative power of gay, lesbian, and transgender choral music, its important place in the LGBT civil rights struggle, and how singers and music lovers from around the globe have been moved to change their worlds through song. Eric P. Jansen, Co-Producer & Writer, in attendance.

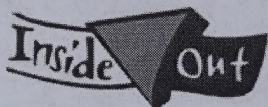
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Short Film: *Peace Talk*

directed by Jenifer Malmqvist 2006 Sweden 14 min

Little Jonna and her friend pretend to be soldiers, but Jonna's mother doesn't approve of the way they're playing.



Feature Film:

Looking for Cheyenne (*Oublier Cheyenne*)

directed by Valerie Minetto 2006 France 87 min (French with English subtitles)

Sonia hurts from the sudden departure of her lover, Cheyenne, a committed activist. Though an unemployed journalist, Cheyenne refuses to accept help from anyone, including Sonia, and decides to leave Paris to live off the land. In the meantime, Sonia tries other relationships but is constantly drawn back to Cheyenne, who she pursues into the woods. Ultimately, the couple is left to contemplate what they're willing to compromise for love in this marvelously realized, deeply satisfying, love story.

Festival Producers are in the Lounge between each film. We would like to meet you and hear your comments.

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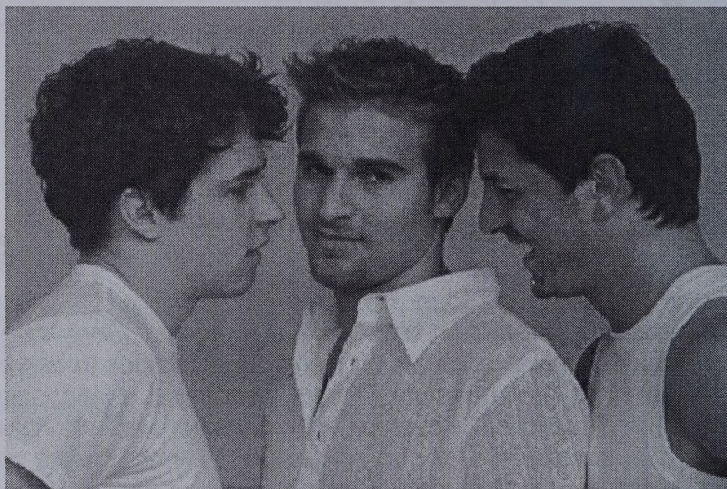
directed by Dave O'Brien 2006 USA 14 min
Ben thinks he's found true love in his straight roommate, Morgan. Being honest with Morgan may be Ben's most direct path to happiness... regardless of the outcome.

Feature Film:

The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green

directed by George Bamber 2005 USA 88 min

At 26, Ethan Green struggles with a life of unsuccessful dates. His dilemma? Steadfastly looking for his dream date without his ability to commit. Beginning as a screwball comedy, and ending in over-the-top farce, this hilarious film answers the questions that plague many of us. Do gay Republicans deserve happiness? Is there anyone out there who doesn't lie on his online profile? Just what does it take for a murderous, chain-smoking lesbian realtor to sell a house everyone wants? From the first scene to the last you will be charmed by this comedy with gems of truth.

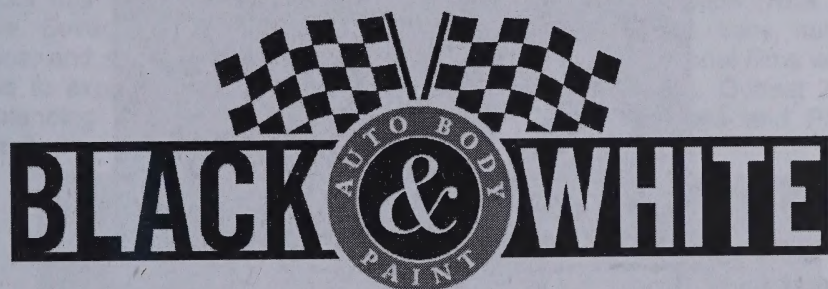


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Short Film: *PROM-troversy*

directed by Leanna Creel 2004 USA 12 min

When Tiffany, the most popular girl in school, asks Cassie, the school lesbian, to the prom, Sherman Valley, Ohio ignites. Based on a true event. Grand Prize Winner of Planet Out Film Festival 2005. Best Short Film Oslo Gay and Lesbian Film Festival 2005.



Feature Film:

Loving Annabelle directed by Katherine Brooks 2005 USA 80 min

Continuing the legacy of lesbian schoolgirl films, like *Madchen in Uniforms* and *The Children's Hour*, comes a new film equal to those classics that creates a riveting romantic tale of forbidden student-teacher love with less tragedy, more humor, and greater fulfillment.

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Short Film: Available Men

directed by David Dean Bottrell 2005 USA 15 min
A straight Hollywood agent and a single gay man mistake each other for the men they were supposed to meet. Winner of L.A. Outfest 2006 Best Narrative—Audience Award.

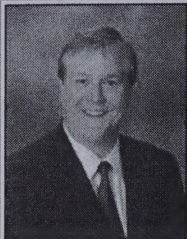
Feature Film:

Boy Culture directed by Q. Allan Brocka 2006 USA 87 min

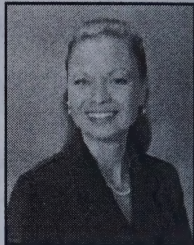
A gay hustler named X, the hunky hero of **BOY CULTURE**, is the consummate professional: up for almost anything that pays while fastidiously careful with his heart. Through a series of twists and turns X realizes that his past failures help him understand his own complexities – leaving him hopeful and happy to have loved, lost, and lived life to the fullest. Writer-director Brocka has been thrilling PPLFF audiences since its inception (*Rick and Steve*, *Seventy*, *Eating Out*). With its mix of gorgeous stars, irony, humor, pathos, and sexiness, **BOY CULTURE** lives up to the exceptional films we've come to expect from this marvelous director. Winner of L.A. Outfest 2006 Outstanding Screenwriting Audience Award (Q. Allan Brocka and Phillip Pierce)



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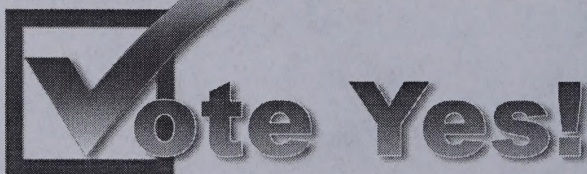
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Short Film: *Mormor's Visit*

directed by Casper Andreas 2005 USA 16 min

(English & Swedish with English subtitles)

A Swedish photographer living in New York gets an unexpected visit from his grandmother, who has fled a nursing home in Sweden because she wants to live with him in New York.



Feature Film:

A Very Serious Person

directed by Charles Busch 2006 USA 92 min

Jan, a male nurse from Denmark, played by Charles Busch, cares for a terminally ill patient who is raising her grandson, Gil. One summer, the reserved Jan finds himself cast as a mentor to Gil, preparing this sensitive boy for life after his grandmother's death. A deep friendship grows between them as Gil develops a new maturity and independence while Jan reveals his own vulnerability. As summer ends, what will become of this unlikely friendship? Busch, in his directorial debut with a stellar cast that includes Polly Bergen and Charles Busch film stalwarts, Julie Halston and Charles Andreas, delights the audience with his unusually sensitive and humorous character portrayals.

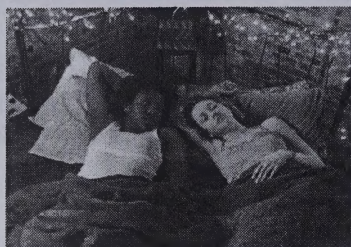
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Short Film: Inclinations

directed by Jen Simmons and Shelley Barry 2004
USA 15min

An aspiring young writer struggles to find the perfect plot for an erotic short story while her girlfriend wants her to live the story instead. Unexpected characters appear and encourage them to try some exotic explorations of their own.

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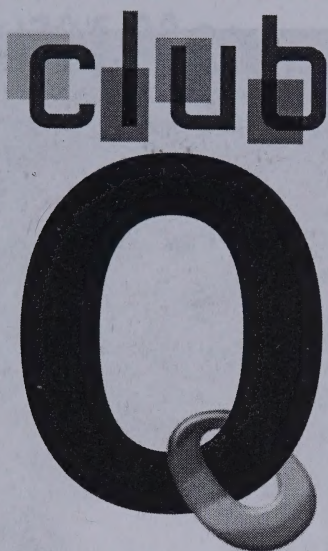
Red Doors directed by Georgia Lee 2005 USA 92 min

(English and Mandarin with English subtitles)

The endearingly dysfunctional Wong family is quietly crisis-ridden when Dad retires and his three daughters have simultaneous quakes of personal transformations. Seemingly solitary upheavals become communal experiences and love has a life of its own that compels our surrender. Surprising, romantic, and complex, RED DOORS delves into inner conflicts to reveal a comic side to the human condition. Winner of best narrative at Tribeca and the Grand Jury Award for screenwriting at L.A. Outfest 2005.



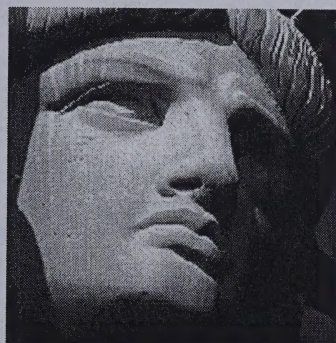
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Short Film: *Guess Who I Saw Today*

directed by Abe Sylvia USA 4 min

In this musical rendering of a repressive marriage, a housewife tells her husband about an unexpected encounter.



Feature Film:

QUEENS (Reinas) directed by Manuel Gómez Pereira 2005 Spain 107 min
(Spanish with English subtitles)

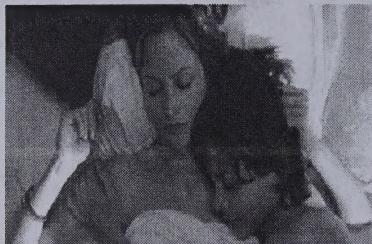
Fans of Pedro Almodóvar will delight in this screwball comedy about a mass public wedding staged to celebrate Spain's legalization of same-sex marriage. The film includes five of Spain's most celebrated actresses, all familiar faces from Almodóvar's films, such as Carmen Maura (*Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*) and Marisa Paredes (*All About My Mother*). During the preparations of this huge mass ceremony, the real Reinas take the stage. As the grooms' mamas create their own hi-jinks, the hilarity kicks into high gear. Will their sons ever get to say, "I do"?

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Short Film: *Cosa Bella*

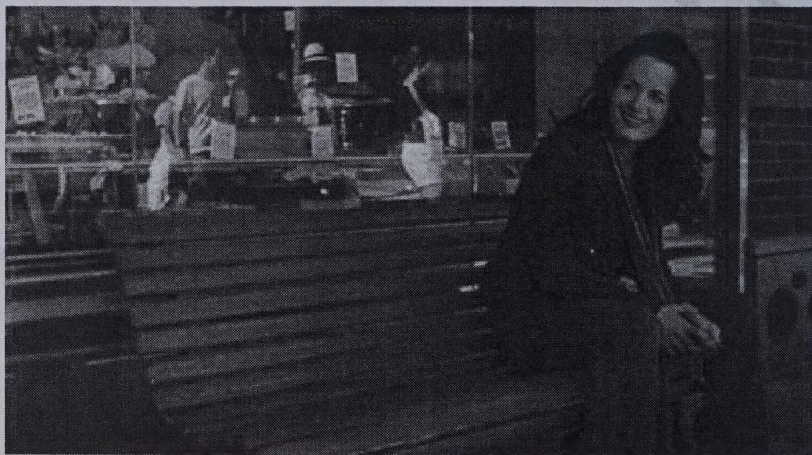
directed by Fiona Mackenzie 2005 USA 16 min

A young married woman's life takes a radical turn when what she thinks is a passing encounter with her beautiful college roommate turns into a life altering love affair. Delphine must make a difficult choice in order to win the heart of her lover, Belle.

Feature Film:

Puccini For Beginners directed by Maria Maggenti 2005 USA 90 min

From the director of the beloved *The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love* comes a hilarious film about a girl who can't say "yes" to love. PUCCINI FOR BEGINNERS is a charming New York story centered on a bisexual love triangle. Sizzling with delectable wit and humor, this sophisticated comedy twists and turns with all the drama of a Puccini opera right to the last frame. For the entire LGBT community and friends, this film updates sexuality for the 21st century. We believe you'll find this thoroughly enjoyable, irresistibly clever film a perfect conclusion to our festival. Opening film - San Francisco International LGBT Film Festival and L.A. Outfest. Official Entry - Sundance Film Festival 2006.



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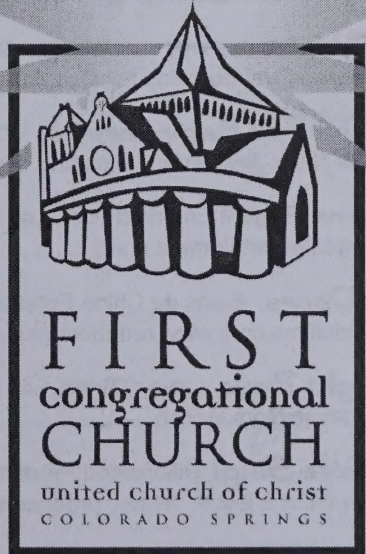
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Wednesday

\$1.50 off calls til 11pm, \$3 Corona w/ Tequila Shot

Sue's Dart Tourney, Pub, 7:30pm

Women 4 Women with Alison, BackRoom, 9pm

Thursday

½ price Martini's & \$2 shots every hour on the hour

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Texas Hold'em with Bryan, Pub, 7:30 & 10:00(ish)

Retro/New Wave with DJ Tony Garcia

in the Boiler Room Dance Club, 9pm

Karaoke with Shean & Van, Pub, 9-late

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HiNRG, Boiler Room Dance Club, 10-close

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HiNRG House with DJ HouseBoi in the Boiler Room, 10pm

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PARTY ON! 18+ in the Boiler Room Dance Club, 12-4am

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